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Title:	OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF, AND METHOD OF RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION		

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2006, favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks.

Applicants note that the foreign patent documents listed on the IDS filed May 19, 2004 were not considered. Applicants believe copies are available to the Examiner in the parent file. However, copies are provided herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Consideration is requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 12, and 24 were rejected as being unpatentable over Choi (US 5,428,597) in view of Satoh (US 5,428,597). Applicants traverse this rejection. The rejection relies on Satoh to teach a information layer with a sector structure including a sector address and